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AWFUL DESTRUCTION

CAUSED BY RAGING FLOODS—SEVERAL TOWNS ARE UNDER WATER, AND BRIDGES HAVE BEEN SWEEPED AWAY.

DENVER, Colo., May 21.—Eight lives are known to have been lost in Colorado and Wyoming in raging floods that were started by cloudbursts and near Cheyenne many persons are missing. Scores of other people are in danger and can hardly escape if the big irrigation reservoir in the mountains yields to the pressure and bursts.

Immense damage was done in Colorado along the Cache La Poudre river. The dam at Lake Livingston gave way before the flood. The towns of Livermore, La Porte, Wellington and part of Fort Collins are under five feet of water.

Five iron bridges and two railway bridges have been swept away and miles of the Colorado Southern Railway track are washed out. The Union Pacific tracks are also badly damaged. Thousands of acres of ranch and farm land are inundated and a great many cattle have been drowned. Several other streams are threatening to overflow because of the rains.

FARMER

ARMED WITH A SHOTGUN, STOOD GUARD OVER A MAN HE HAD SHOT UNTIL OFFICERS ARRIVED.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., May 21.—Armed with a shotgun and standing over the body of an unknown man, Roscoe Havens, a farmer, waited for several hours for the arrival of Deputy Sheriff Brazier, to whom he sent word that he wished to be taken into custody. Havens was arrested and brought to this city. When questioned he said that he had been robbed of a sum of money, and that yesterday he thought that the man and his companion, whom he found in a box car, were the robbers. An envelope bearing the name of Miss Louise Butler, Warren, Pa., found in the dead man's pocket, and the tailor's trademark on the clothing are the only clues to the identity of the dead body.

FLOATER FOUND

Badly Decomposed Body Buried Without Being Identified.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., May 21.—A badly decomposed body of a man was found ten miles below here last night. The coroner to-day found nothing to indicate who the man had been and his jury rendered a verdict that the unknown man came to his death by drowning. He was evidently a working man and was buried where found.

W. V. U. Was Third.
DELAWARE, Ohio, May 21.—The seventh annual contest of the Central Oratorical League took place here last night. Ohio Wesley won first prize. Ohio State second, University of West Virginia, third. Governor Herrick presided.

May Change Hands.
The Manley Hotel, so sayeth report, is hovering on the brink of changing owners. A prominent real estate man is engineering the deal.

Laid to Rest.
The funeral of Mrs. Sophia Shackelford, who died at Forksburg Thursday, took place this afternoon at two o'clock. She was buried in Mt. Zion cemetery.

The Hon. Eldridge Carter, of Winfield district, made Fairmont a visit this morning.

HEAVY LOSSES SUSTAINED.
PARIS, May 21.—La Temps has a dispatch from St. Petersburg stating that General Stessel reports that the Russians have made a successful sortie from Port Arthur, and in a clash with Japanese, forced the latter to retreat. The Japanese casualties are said to have been 1,000, and those of the Russians about 1,500.

ALARMING

ARE CONDITIONS ON THE GREAT LAKES—THE TIE-UP WILL HAVE GREATER EFFECT THAN THE ANTHRACITE COAL STRIKE.

THE TOTAL FALLING OFF IN THE GRAIN SHIPMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY IS 30,000,000 BUSHELS.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 21.—By the blockade of all traffic on the Great Lakes, Buffalo suffers a tremendous loss.

The entire country, more especially the East, it is said by shippers here, will be more disastrously affected by the tie-up than resulted from the great anthracite coal strike. Shippers are counting on the continuation of the blockade during the summer. The highway of the trade between West and East is practically closed. The smoke of a lumber craft or a tramp steamer is occasionally seen, but that is all. In the granaries of the West millions of bushels of cereals are stored that should have been delivered in the East long ago, and the Lake Superior mines are turning out iron ore that the furnaces of the East will need by and by, but won't be able to get while hundreds of thousands of tons of coal are held up either at the mines or at coal shopping ports. If the supply of iron ore is shut off blast furnaces must close, and if the furnaces shut down steel plants and foundries cannot continue operations. And something akin to a famine is threatened unless the millions of bushels of cereals are moving from the West and Northwest. If Western granaries are not emptied what is to be done with the crop of wheat, corn, oats, barley and rye now being raised?

This port is the outlet for the commerce of the West. All, or nearly all of it, flows through here on its way East. It is estimated by Secretary F. Howard Mason, of the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce, that this city is losing \$15,000 in cash every day by reason of the blockade and it is not an unreasonable estimate. The situation here is rendered still more serious by reason of the fact that a strike has shut down the grain elevators. The strike of the masters and pilots and the decision of the trunk lines and the Lake Carriers' Association to suspend all Lake traffic has held Lake boats here as effectually as if they had been hard and fast aground. Many of them are loaded with coal. It is estimated that there are on board ship in this port 150,000 tons of coal.

Inasmuch as there are practically no shipments of grain arriving here, the total falling off for the month of May, compared with the same period last year, will be in the neighborhood of 30,000,000 bushels. What little grain is being moved by Lake, is now going over the Georgian Bay route.

One of the serious features of the stoppage of Lake traffic is the fact that millions of bushels of grain have been sold by Buffalo men and other dealers for delivery in the East, and it cannot be delivered. Idleness prevails along the water front of Buffalo. Thousands of men who make their living handling grain, ore, coal and package freight have nothing to do. The wage cut off of these will be destitution along the water front soon. Already many families are suffering.

In a Critical Condition.
BUFFALO, May 21.—Major Theodore A. Bingham, formerly superintendent of buildings and grounds at the White House, lies in a critical condition in Buffalo General Hospital as the result of the amputation of his left leg yesterday afternoon. Late last night the surgeons at the Hospital stated that he has only an even chance for life and that complications may set in at any time which would minimize his chance of recovery.

Professor Armstrong Here.
All who have ever heard Professor R. A. Armstrong, well know what a treat is in store for those who can go to hear him to-morrow, morning and evening, at the M. E. Church. His "Bible Stories" is exceptionally fine as he has made a special study along this line.

Died.
An infant child, the daughter of Isaac Wilson, in the First ward, died on Thursday evening from an attack of croup. Interment to-day at Maple Grove cemetery.

To Wed.
A marriage license has been issued to William Faux, 22, and Rebecca Collins, 26.

"RACE SUICIDE"

WAS A WARM SUBJECT BEFORE THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS YESTERDAY.

WOMEN PROTESTED AUDIBLY AGAINST THE SENTIMENT OF MORE WIVES, MORE MOTHERS AND MORE CHILDREN.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 21.—President Roosevelt's question of race suicide, raised in the convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Friday, as an argument against "Unionization" of the working women of America, was met by jeers and laughter.

Half the women in the great hall made audible protests against the plea for more wives, more mothers, or more children. This spectacle was the climax of a bitter debate between the radical element in the convention which stands for suffrage, women's trades' unions, and woman industrialism, and the conservative element, which holds that woman's sphere is confined to the four walls of home.

The debate which led to this, followed a plea by Mrs. A. F. Perkins, of Ohio, to women to go back to their homes and unionize cooks, servant girls, seamstresses, hairdressers and every woman with whom they come in contact.

Before Mrs. Perkins had resumed her seat a dozen women belonging to the conservative faction were clamoring for the floor. Mrs. Frederick Nathan, of New York, the acting chairman, recognized Mrs. W. S. Perkins, of Kentucky.

"The organizing of women is not half so important as the education of women for a special sphere of life," cried Mrs. Perkins at the top of her voice. "God created women for one thing, that is to make the home. Not one of these women who are earning \$5 a week in department stores and factories is qualified to make a home. They would not know where to begin."

Miss Deiss, a radical, of Pennsylvania, was recognized next. She urged that woman's economical existence depended upon her organized strength. Miss Aiken, of Indian Territory, said: "What we want is more wives, better wives. What the nation needs is more mothers, more children (laughter) and schools to educate these children to become home-makers, wives and mothers of high ideals. The cry of race suicide must be heard. It is a warning cry, vastly more important than the cry to unionize."

The fight was getting warm, and the chairman, to avert more bitter words, closed the debate with the gavel.

HUNDRED BARREL WELL

Came In on Gray's Run—Is Creating Considerable Excitement.

Well No. 2, on Gray's run, the property of William Parrish, came in at about 100 barrels per day. Two other wells have been located near there. The well caused a good deal of excitement as there is no other well near there.

Mannington Boy In Fairmont.
Dr. L. W. Ice, D. D. S., has located in Fairmont and opened dental parlors in the Yost building. Dr. Ice is a three year graduate of the Dental College of the Ohio State University of Columbus, and has passed and earned his degree with credit. He is therefore intelligently qualified to perform his work in the most scientific and modern systems employed in dentistry. He is a son of Dr. Ice, physician and surgeon of this city.—Advocate.

We are glad to welcome Dr. Ice to our town, and we wish him abundant success in his profession.

Has Discovered a Tenor.
MUNCIE, Ind., May 21.—Mme. Schuman-Heink has discovered a fine tenor in Orville Harold and will provide for his musical education in Germany. She heard his voice accidentally in the First Christian church choir. He drives a wagon for a Muncie Coffin company, has a wife and three children and is 26 years old.

Fell From Derrick.
SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., May 20.—James Latshaw, of this city, fell from the top of an eighty-foot derrick in Roane county yesterday and was instantly killed.

FAIRMONT TEAM WON

BY A SCORE OF NINETEEN TO NINE IN THE BASKET BALL CONTEST WITH CLARKSBURG.

RETURN GAME WILL BE PLAYED IN THE HOME "GYM" NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT.

Outclassed at every point was the Clarksburg Y. M. C. A. Basket Ball team by the Fairmont boys in the new gymnasium of the Clarksburg Association. Nineteen to 9 was the score at the close of the two 20 minute halves. Fairmont made 16 of the 19 points by goals from field throws, while four of the Clarksburg nine were made in this way.

"Fritz" Hawley, the son of the Y. M. C. A. Secretary, scored 13 of the points made on his side, and seemed to find the goal whenever he went after it. Ice Poling, who was center and captained the Coal City five, improved all chances coming his way, and Meredith, as guard, put a damper on the aspirations of Clarksburg sphere tossers whenever the leather got within his reach. Crawford, as forward, lifted two pretty ones in rapid succession into the basket in the second half which had the effect of cooling the ardor of the home team rooters.

But once during the game was the Clarksburg team ahead, and that was at the very beginning, before the Fairmont boys had acquainted themselves with the situation of a larger gymnasium than they have been accustomed to, and after Layman had tied the score by a dexterous field throw. The Clarksburg fellows never caught their opponents again. Stewart, in the second half, went in as guard and few passed him into the enemy's territory.

The game though quick and sharply fought, was very clean and conspicuously clear of roughness or wrangling. Harry Williamson, of Fairmont, was referee, and Danley Smith, of Clarksburg, official scorer.

The line up was as follows:
Fairmont Clarksburg
Crawford guard Kane
Layman & Stewart guard Davis
Poling center Connor
Hawley forward Laubenstein
Meredith forward Thompson
Field Throws: Hawley 5, Crawford 2, Layman 1, Connor 1 and Thompson 1.

An audience taxing the capacity of the space for spectators, and with a large springing of the fair sex, eagerly watched every contested point of the game.

Next Friday in the Fairmont "gym" the return game will be "pulled off" and the Clarksburg boys hope to change the result.

FIVE RECAPTURED

Escaped Fayette County Prisoners Have Been Retaken.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 21.—Seven prisoners of Fayette county who were out working on the roads, overpowered the guard the other day and made their escape, through the carelessness of that official.

Since then five of the seven have been recaptured, including an ex-convict named Burton, who was the ring leader in the escape.

Three Men Arrested.

B. & O. Officer Stone arrested three men for riding a freight yesterday. They were William Riley, Floyd Morris and Nick Phillips. This morning they were brought before Justice Bennington and fined five dollars each. The trio had seventy cents. They were sent to jail. Riley and Morris are from Montana Mines and Phillips is supposed to be an agitator from Ohio. He is supposed to have been here to get the miners in this region to go there.

Mrs. Robert B. Reed Dead.
Sarah A., wife of Robert B. Reed, died at her home in Barnsville yesterday afternoon of gripe. Mrs. Reed was about 60 years of age. Her husband is an employee of the Fairmont Coal Company. Her remains will be taken to Gordon Church, Preston county, for burial.

Surveying Coal Lands.
County Surveyor L. H. Wilcox has just finished surveying 4,000 acres of coal in Winfield district for J. M. Guffey. This completes the survey of a field of about 100,000 acres in that part of the county.

PRAISE

FOR MANNINGTON NEIGHBORS IS EXPRESSED BY MODERN WOODMEN OF OUR CITY, WHO VISITED THEM LAST NIGHT.

The members of the Modern Woodmen of America, who went to Mannington last evening to initiate a class into that order, returned home this morning on No. 8. About 35 went from this place. They were: Walter Greenleaf, Charles Hawkins, Chester Powell, Earl Hawkins, Lester Powell, Floyd Hawkins, T. A. Hall, Nicholas Linger, Pittsburgh Fast, Byron Linger, Ray Smith, George Denham, Claude Fleming, O. Davidson, G. B. Fields, Clark Hildebrand, Creed Frankberry, Arlington Dent, Clarence Lovelle, L. L. Moore, J. E. Downs, S. J. Rector, French Barnes, Bert Hall, Shaw, Summers, Weise and others.

A class of 52 was taken into the order, after which a banquet was held for the visiting neighbors. The banquet was under the control of the Ladies' Auxiliary. All report an excellent time and have words of praise for their Mannington neighbors.

BAND CONCERTS

JUNKINS' BAND.

Watson Hotel Corner, 7:30 P. M.

- 1.—A Dark Secret—(Grinding Two Step.) Frank Panella.
- 2.—Medley Overture—Harvest Days. Harry Von Tilzer.
- 3.—Joy to the World. Barnhouse. (Grand Sacred Potpourri.)
- 4.—Overture—La Croix De Jerusalem. M. Bieger.
- 5.—Alagazam—Two Step. Abe Holzmann.
- 6.—Medley—Pictures of the Past. Coffin.
- 7.—March—Gloria. F. H. Losey.

GREATER FAIRMONT BAND.

Main Street Stand, 7:30 P. M.

- 1.—March—Waldmere. Losey.
 - 2.—Overture—Bohemian Girl. Balfé.
 - 3.—Indian March—Toukawa. Story.
 - 4.—Concert Waltz—Wedding of the Winds. Hall.
 - 5.—Polly Prim—Characteristic March. Henry.
 - 6.—Medley Overture—New York By Electric Light. De Witt.
 - 7.—March—Fort Omaha. Farrar.
- (F. J. Nelson, Director.)

ALL CONVICTED

MOORE BOYS GO TO THE PENITENTIARY—TWO OF THEM FOR LIFE.

WESTON, W. Va., May 21.—The jury in the felony case against Oley, Hanse and Robert Moore, charged with the murder of Benjamin Edgar, at Cleveland, Webster county, last August, rendered a verdict of first degree murder against Oley and Robert, the older boys, and recommended life confinement in the penitentiary. They rendered a second degree verdict against Hanse, aged 18, and Judge Bennett fixed his punishment at eighteen years' imprisonment.

The boys planned the murder because Edgar raised objection to their keeping company with his daughters.

Injured Frog Hunter Better.
MANNINGTON, May 21.—John Furbee, the young son of Mrs. L. C. Furbee, who mistook his heel for a frog while hunting amphibious animals a few days ago and put a bullet through the hind end of his foot, is rapidly recovering and will soon be able to throw away his crutches.

Zinn-Springer.
Mr. William Zinn, of the First ward, and Miss Alice Springer, of Union district, were united in marriage at the bride's home on Thursday evening by Rev. O. D. King.

Will Make Two Trips To-Day.
The "Beauty" did not leave her wharf yesterday on account of the miserable weather. She will make two trips to-day and also to-morrow. With a nice day Sunday, the boat should be packed.

THREE CHURCHES

MAY UNITE—METHODIST PROTESTANTS, UNITED BRETHREN AND CONGREGATIONALISTS ARE SEEKING UNION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—In the opinion of churchmen generally, the quadrennial conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, now in session here, will probably result in the successful working out of a plan for the unification of that church with the United Brethren and Congregationalists.

Sentiment among the leaders of the conference are unanimous in favor of the proposed amalgamation and the only thing necessary is to reconcile the views of the three denominations in regard to the matter of organization. Each of the three denominations has a different form of church government. The United Brethren is presided over by the bishops; the Congregationalists have no general head, and the Methodist Protestants are governed by the general conference in which the clergy and the laity are equally represented. Although it is expected that the negotiations towards amalgamation may require several years, there is little doubt that three denominations, the first authoritative action on the part of the Methodist Protestants will be when the present conference receives the report of President Tagg, and his colleagues, which will probably be early next week.

The question will then have to be discussed by the National Convention of the Congregationalists and by the general conference of the United Brethren. President Tagg to-day appointed the various working committees of the conference and the discussion of the routine work began.

BASE BALL SEASON

OPENS MAY 29-30—FIRST GAME IS WITH BELLAIRE, OHIO, TEAM. PRACTICE GAME NEXT SATURDAY.

Manager Slack, of the Ball team, wired catcher Tom Irvin, now with Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., with a view of securing him for the local club. Murphy and Slack are after no second-raters or has-beens. They are going to put the best team the town has ever seen in the field this year. The season opens here May 29 and 30, with the strong Bellaire, Ohio team. One of the earliest games booked is with Zanesville.

Charlie Wayman, who has signed with Fairmont, came in from Morgantown this morning. Wayman is in fine shape, his work with the University putting him in first-class physical condition.

"Shorty" Heim will need more work at the start than any of the local men on the team. Heim has taken on considerable weight this last winter, but a few of these warm days will put him in his old time form.

Bryson, the other member of the local trio, says he is in best possible shape, and he looks it.

A practice game will be played next Saturday between the professionals and a team composed of the best local players.

"Posse" Fleming, the Fairmont boy with Waynesburg College, defeated Westminister yesterday by a score of 3 to 2. He struck out six men.

Equality Club Met.
The Women's Political Equality Club met at the home of Mrs. C. B. Fleming, in the Fifth ward, last night. A very interesting meeting was held. The local club is urging the establishment of clubs throughout the State. A salaried representative will be sent out soon for this purpose.

THE WEATHER.
The Sun Will Shine To-Morrow.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—For West Virginia: Fair to-night and Sunday; colder to-night in the eastern portion.